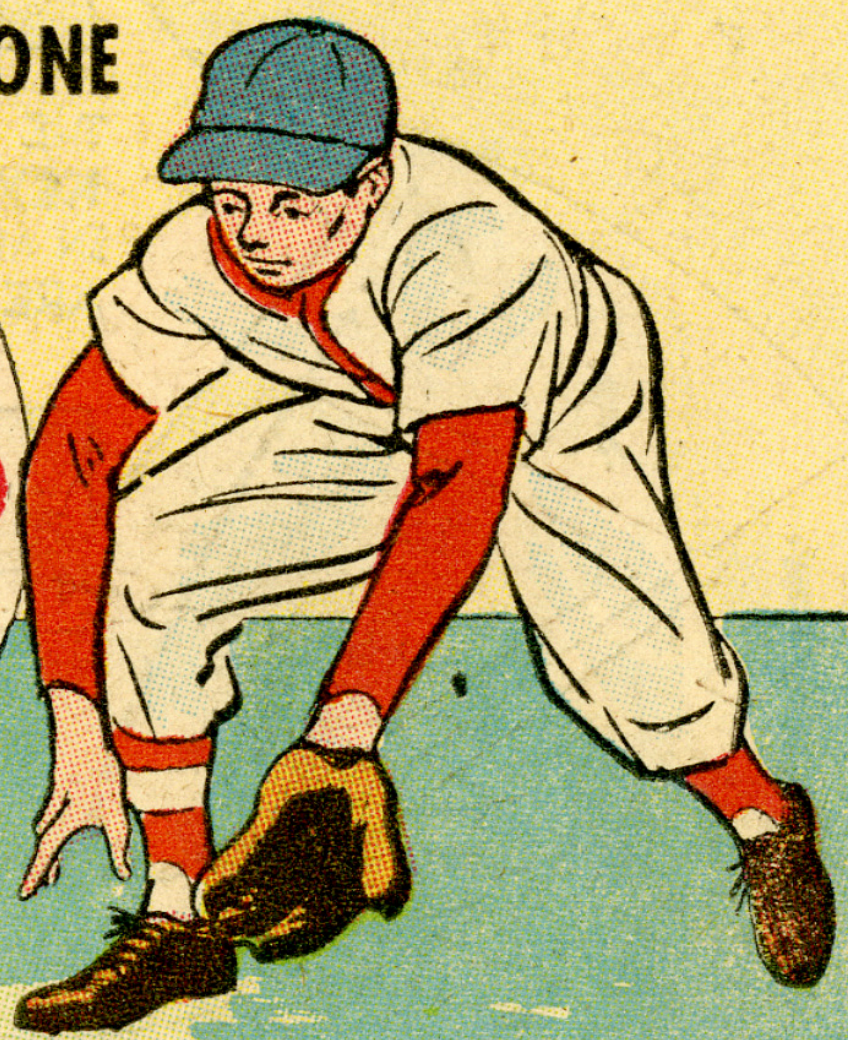
FINER POINTS OF

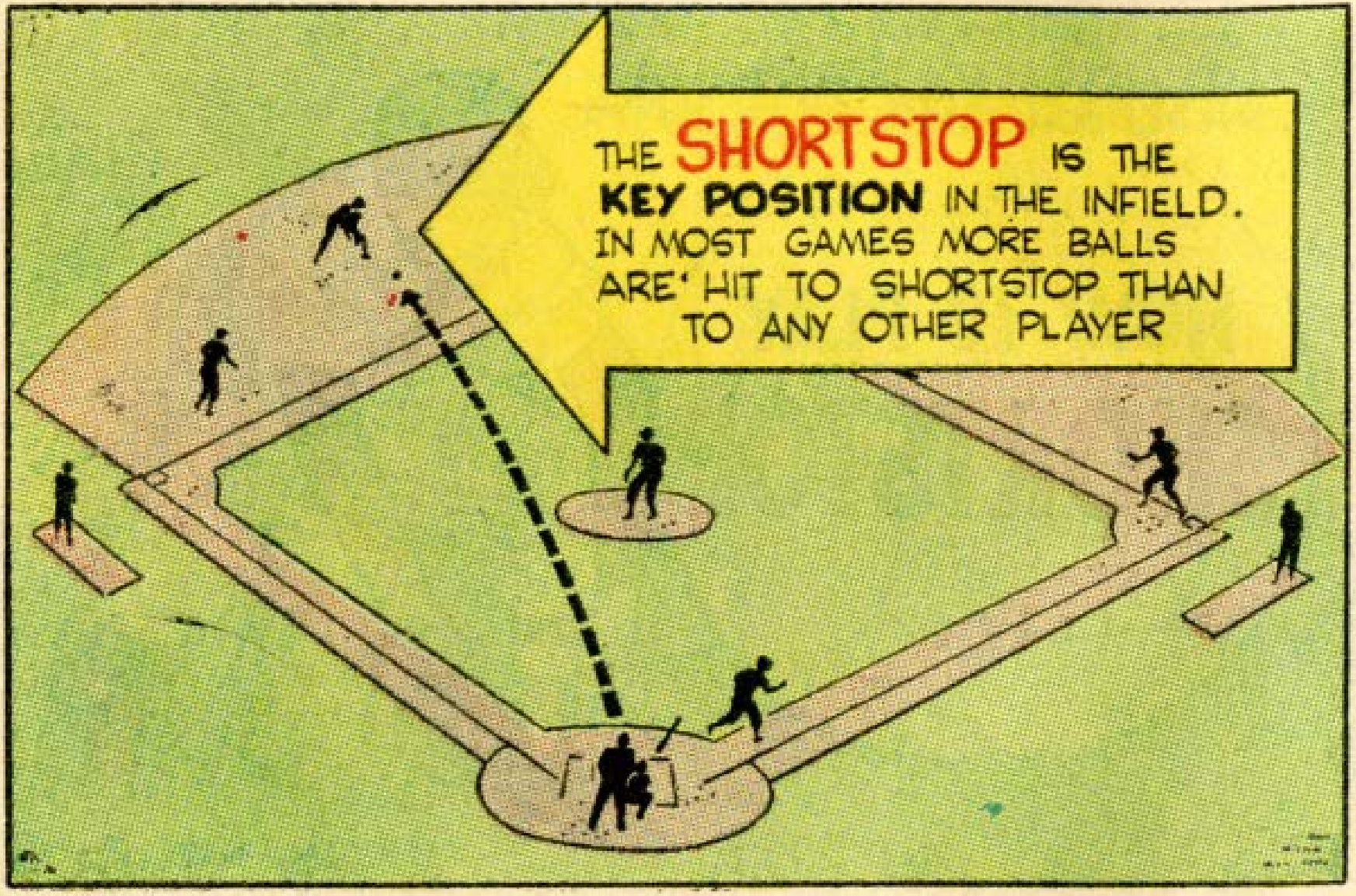
BASEBALL FOR EVERYONE

HOW TO PLAY

SHORTSTOP



HINTS FOR LITTLE, JUNIOR,
MIDGET, BABE RUTH PLAYERS



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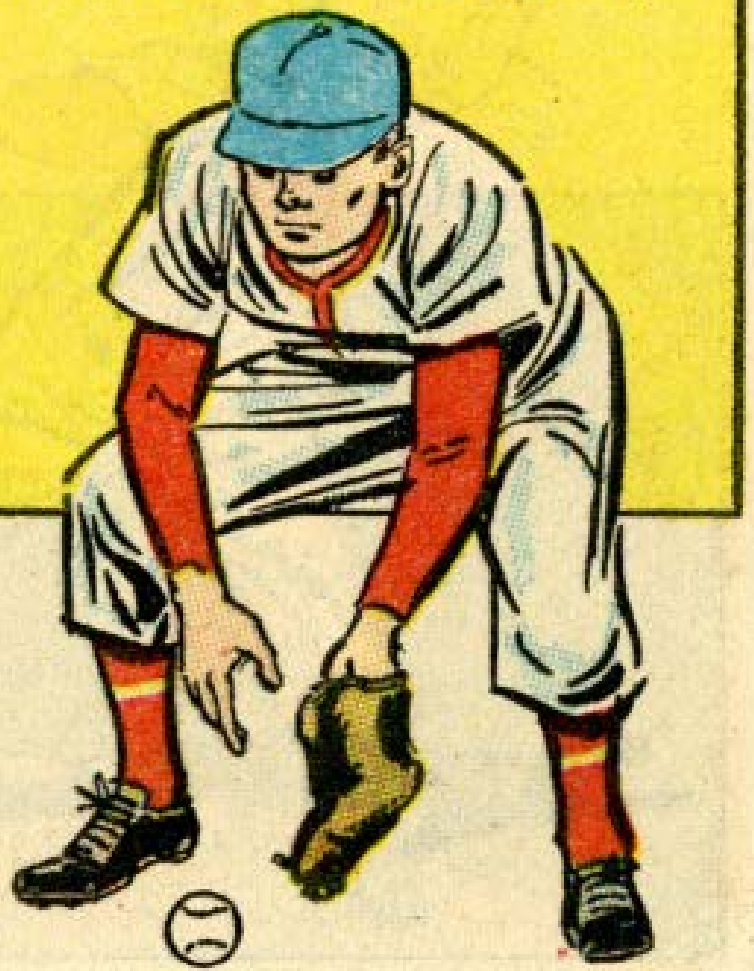
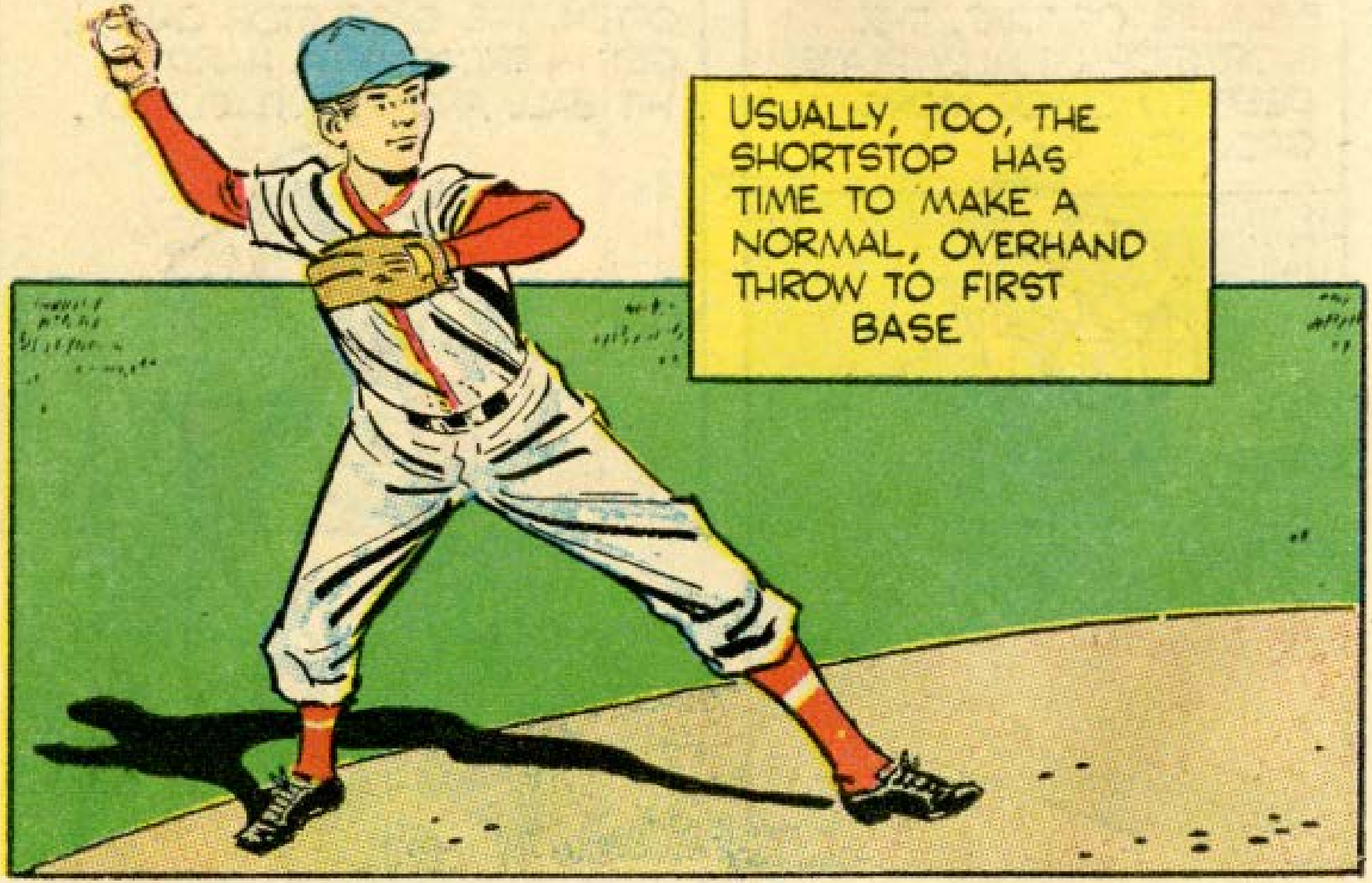
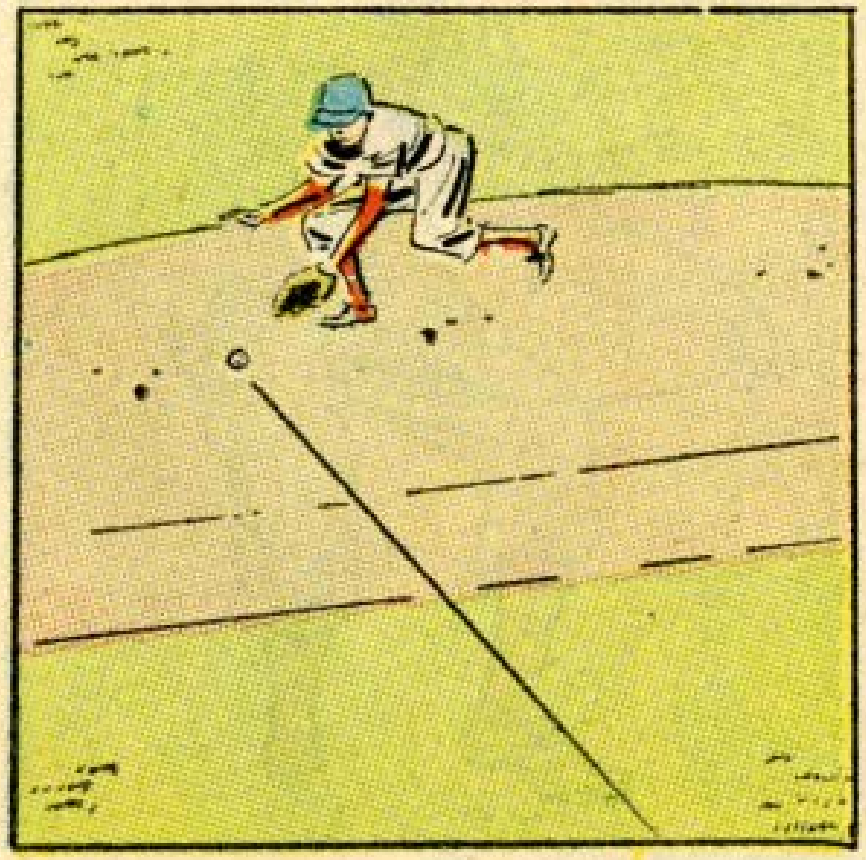
BECAUSE OF THAT, THE SHORTSTOP USUALLY PLAYS DEEP TO COVER MORE GROUND.

OFTEN, THE SHORTSTOP CAN GET IN FRONT OF A HARD HIT BALL AND PLAY IT SURELY.

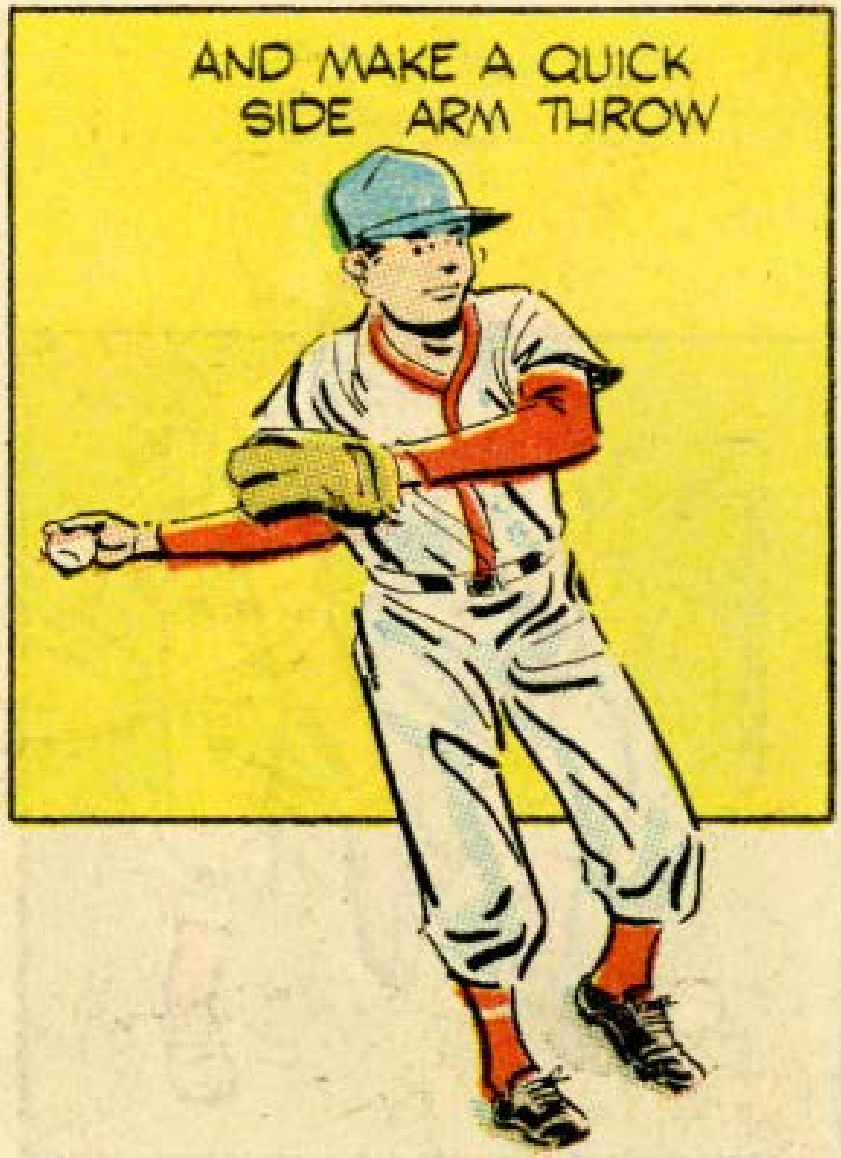



USUALLY, TOO, THE SHORTSTOP HAS TIME TO MAKE A NORMAL, OVERHAND THROW TO FIRST BASE

BUT ON A SLOW ROLLER, THE SHORTSTOP MUST CHARGE IN FROM DEEP POSITION . . .

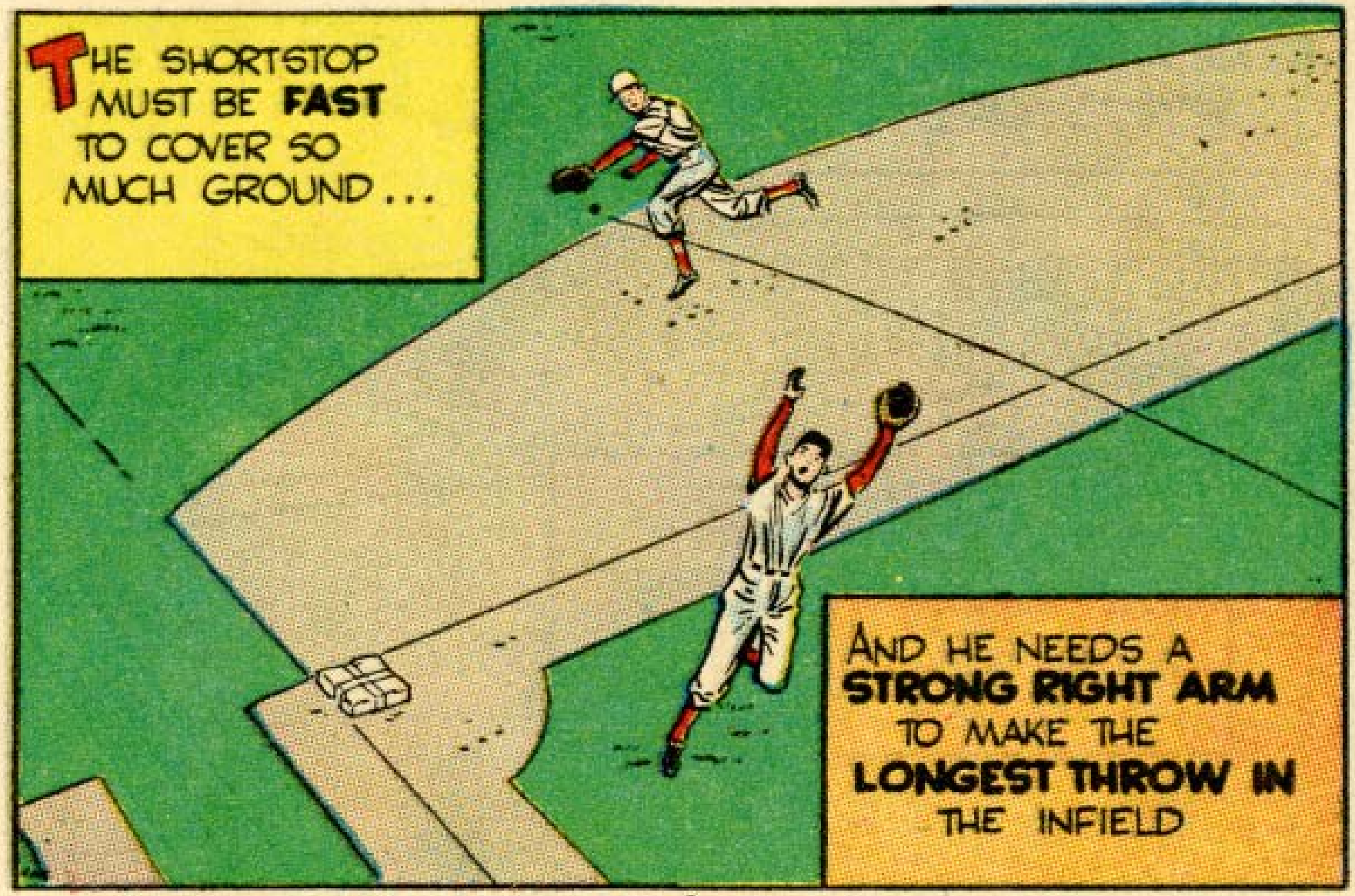


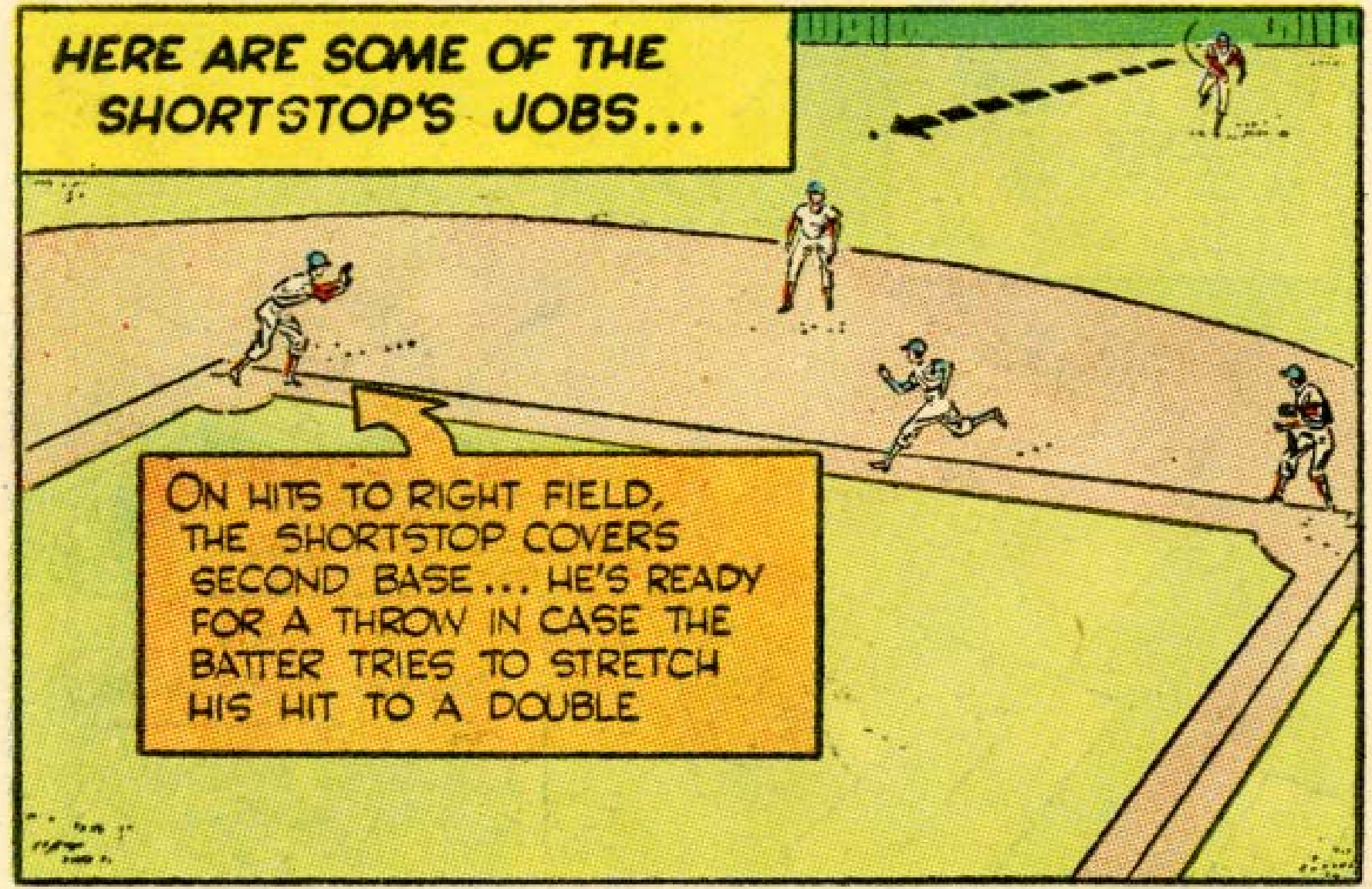
AND MAKE A QUICK SIDE ARM THROW



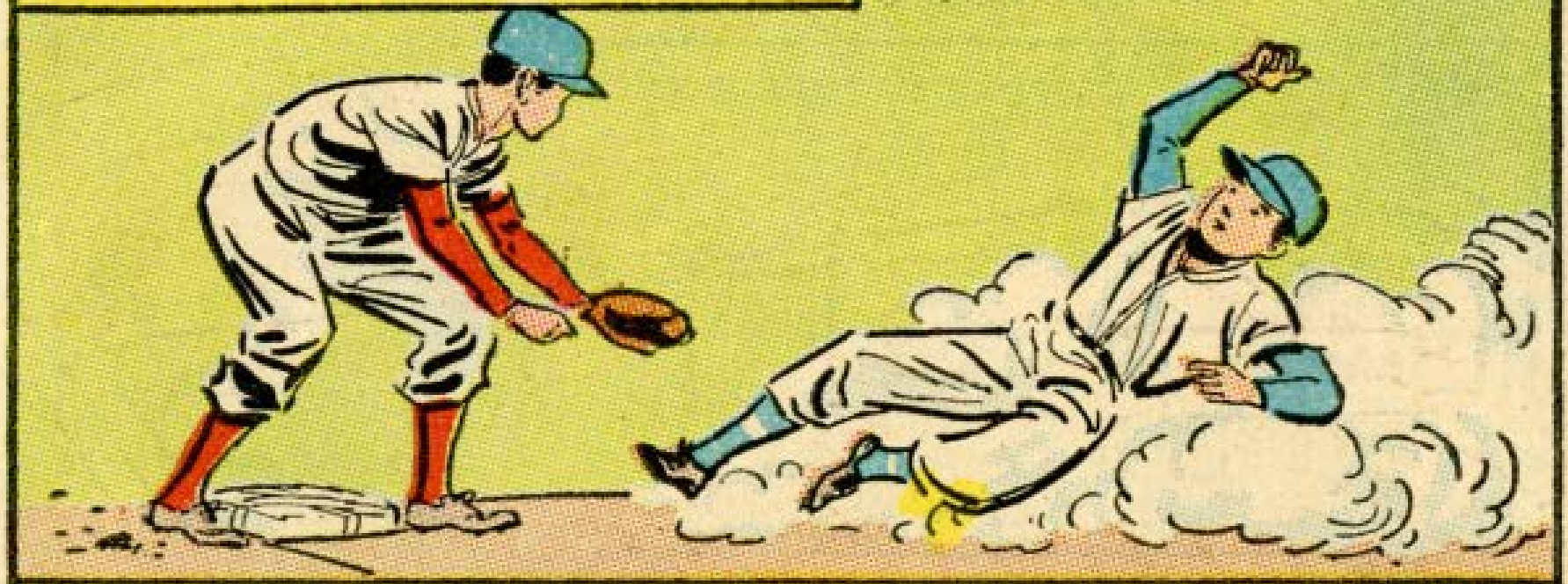
IN SPEARING GROUNDERS HIT OVER SECOND BASE...

THE SHORT STOP MUST BE ABLE TO WHEEL AND WHIP TO FIRST.

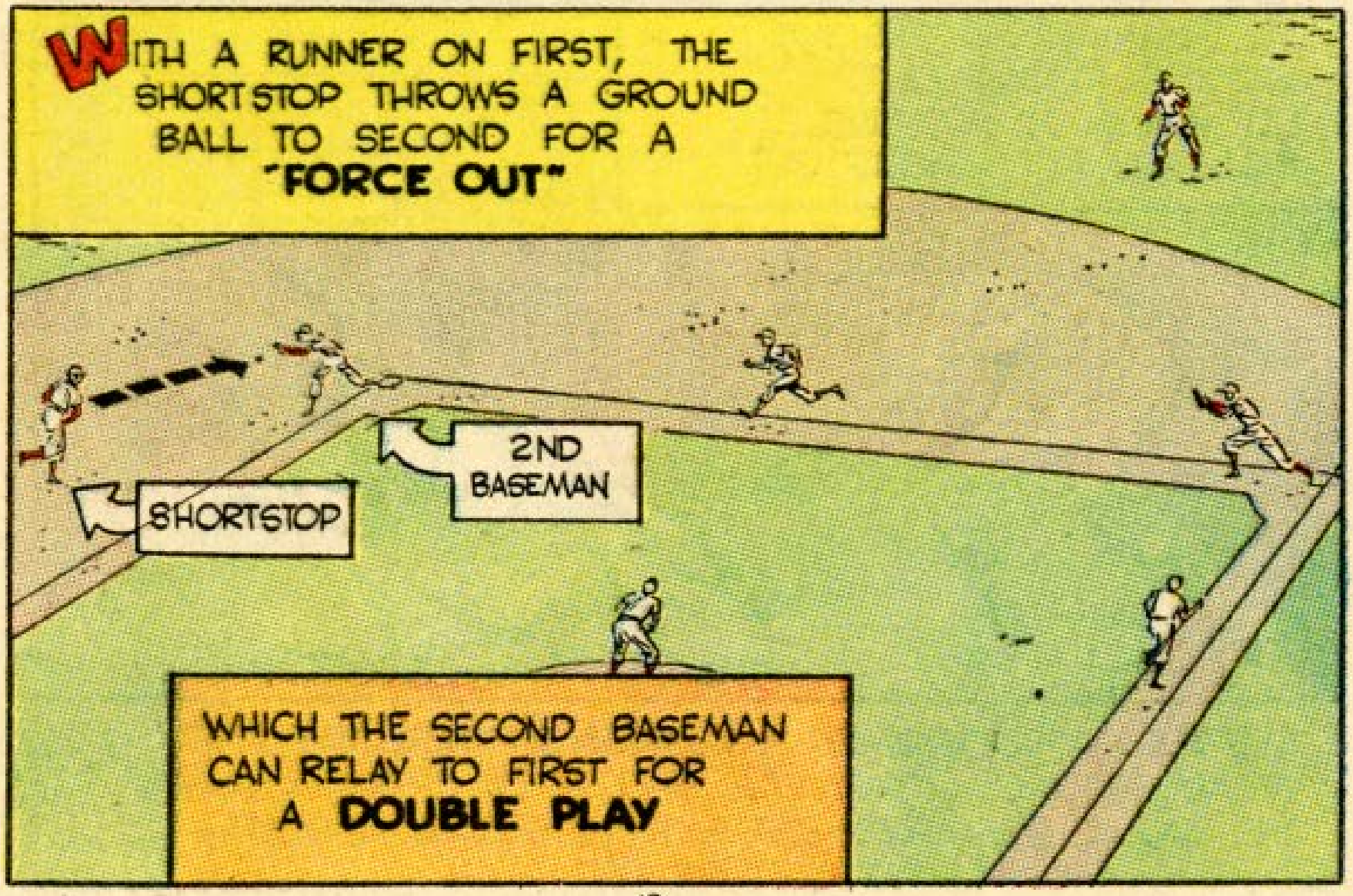

THE SHORTSTOP MUST BE FAST TO COVER SO MUCH GROUND...
AND HE NEEDS A STRONG RIGHT ARM TO MAKE THE LONGEST THROW IN THE INFIELD

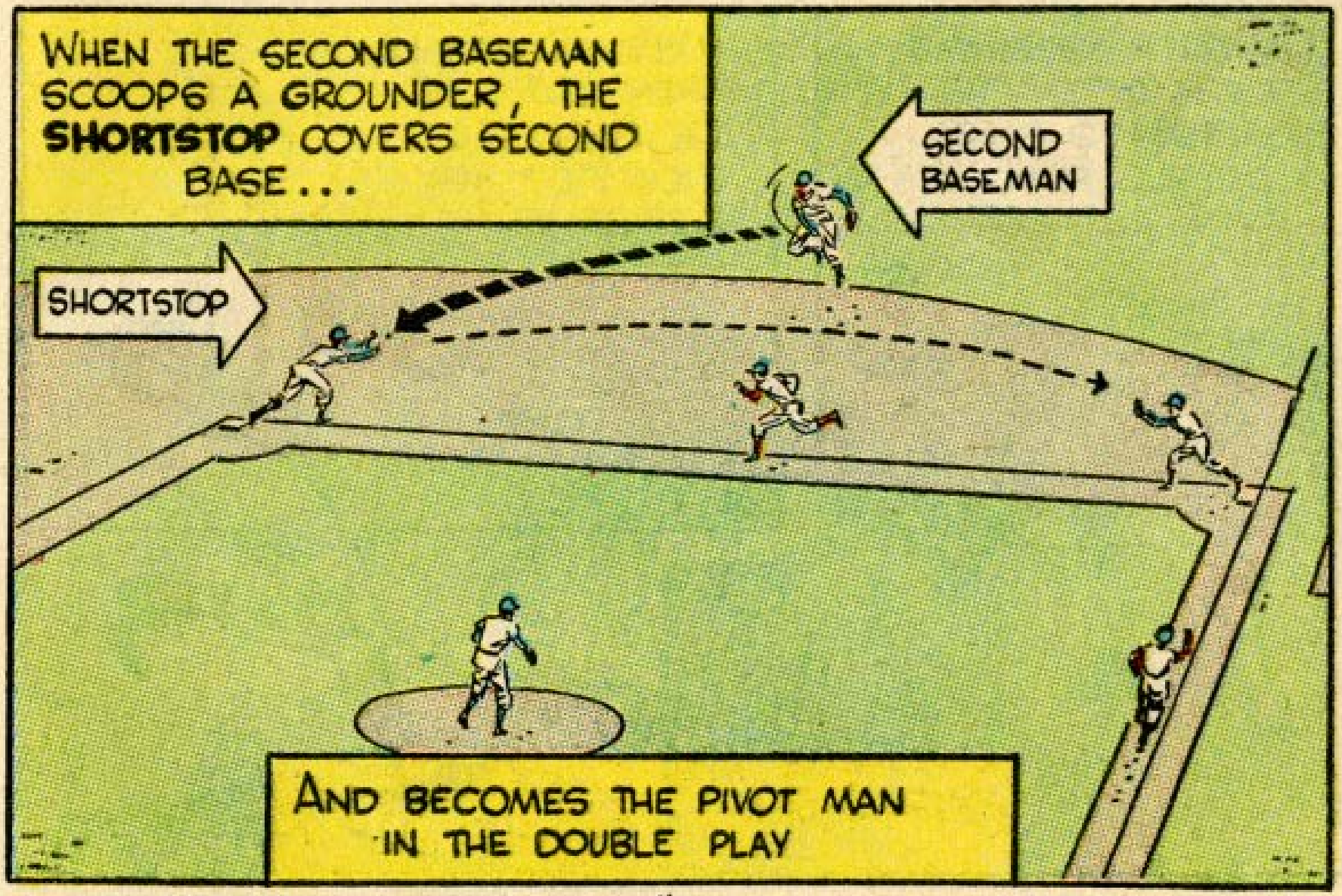

HERE ARE SOME OF THE SHORTSTOP'S JOBS...
ON HITS TO RIGHT FIELD, THE SHORTSTOP COVERS SECOND BASE... HE'S READY FOR A THROW IN CASE THE BATTER TRIES TO STRETCH HIS HIT TO A DOUBLE

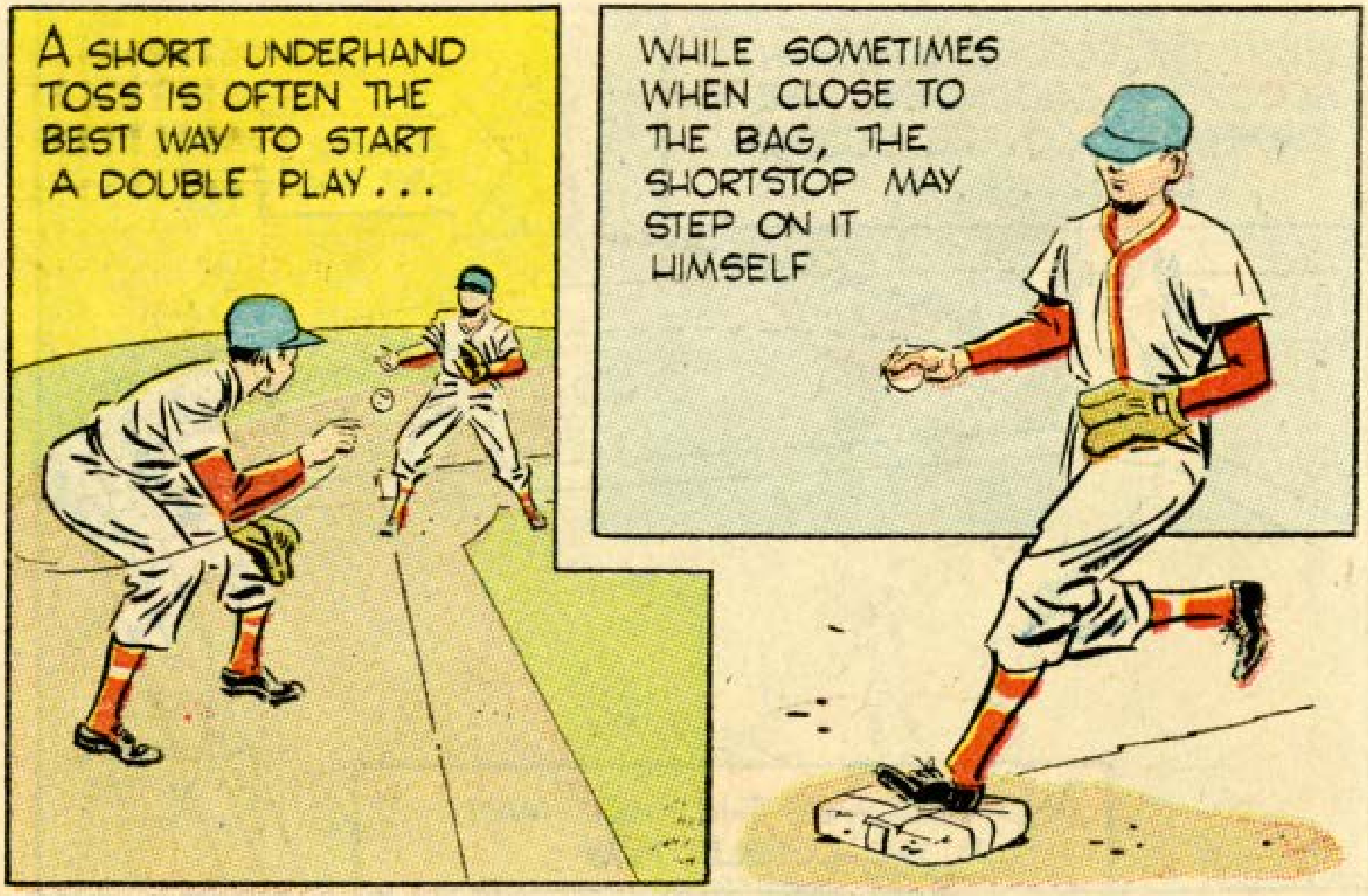
THE BEST WAY TO TAG THE ARRIVING RUNNER IS TO LET HIM SLIDE INTO THE BALL AND PUT HIMSELF OUT

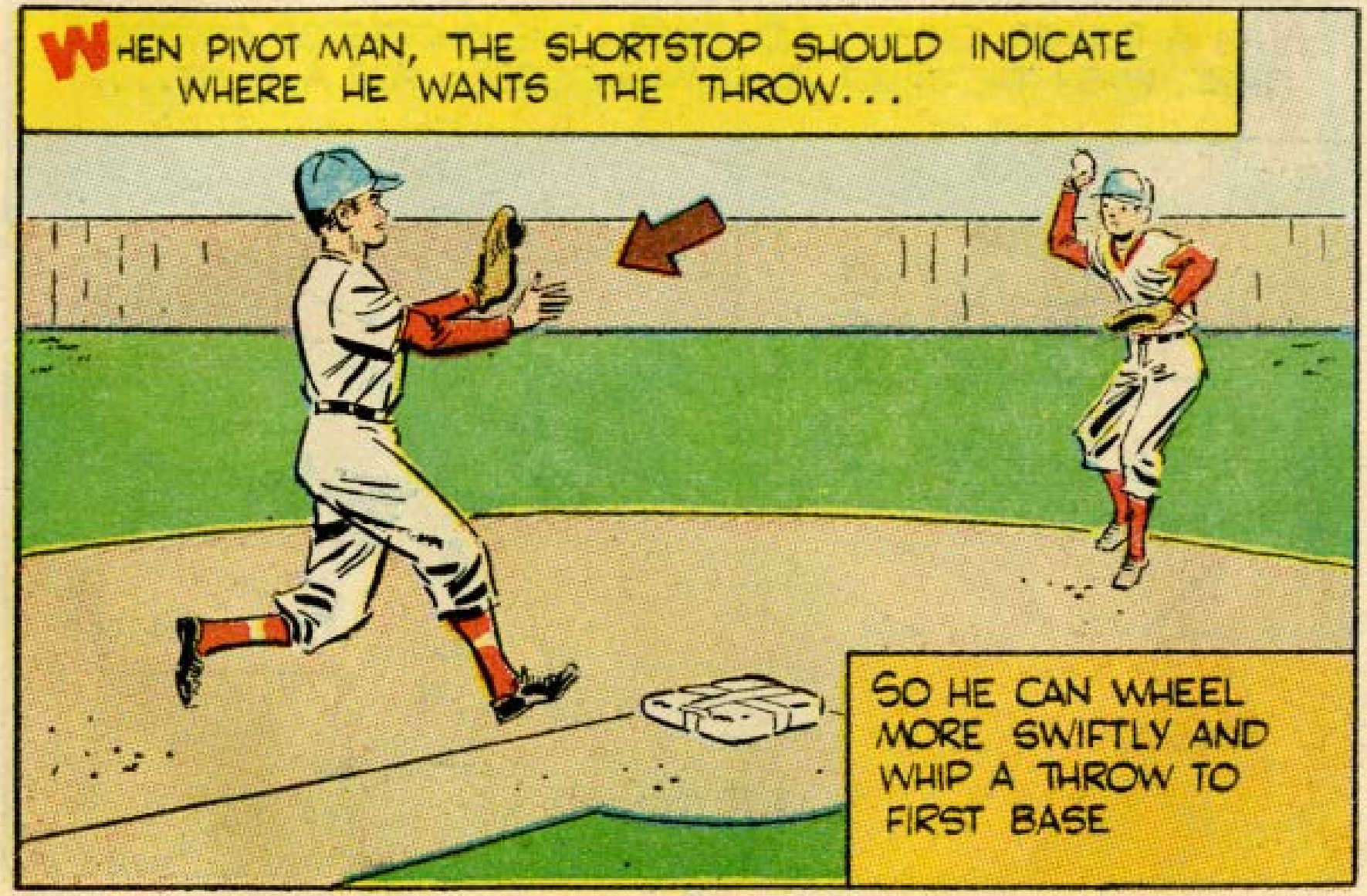


THIS ALSO APPLIES WHEN A RUNNER ON FIRST TRIES TO STEAL SECOND... THEN THE SHORTSTOP OFTEN COVERS THE BAG... BY AGREEMENT WITH THE SECOND BASEMAN


WITH A RUNNER ON FIRST, THE SHORTSTOP THROWS A GROUND BALL TO SECOND FOR A "FORCE OUT"
2ND BASEMAN
SHORTSTOP
WHICH THE SECOND BASEMAN CAN RELAY TO FIRST FOR A DOUBLE PLAY


WHEN THE SECOND BASEMAN SCOOPS A GROUNDER, THE **SHORTSTOP** COVERS SECOND BASE...
SECOND BASEMAN
SHORTSTOP
AND BECOMES THE PIVOT MAN IN THE DOUBLE PLAY


A SHORT UNDERHAND TOSS IS OFTEN THE BEST WAY TO START A DOUBLE PLAY...
WHILE SOMETIMES WHEN CLOSE TO THE BAG, THE SHORTSTOP MAY STEP ON IT HIMSELF


WHEN PIVOT MAN, THE SHORTSTOP SHOULD INDICATE WHERE HE WANTS THE THROW...
SO HE CAN WHEEL MORE SWIFTLY AND WHIP A THROW TO FIRST BASE

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